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SUBJECT: ANSWER TO SOVIET PROTEST ON VISA REQUIREMENTS
FOR EAST EUROPEANS

REFS: (A) USBER 170; (B) BONN 802

1. WITH REGARD TO TIMING (PARA 3, REF A), EMBASSY
BELIEVES DELIVERY OF REPLY TO NOVEMBER 2 SOVIET
DEMARCHE SHOULD NOT BE MADE DEPENDENT ON OTHER ITEMS
OF BUSINESS MENTIONED. WE UNDERSTAND CHAIRMAN POLAD WAS
PLANNING TO DELIVER PROTEST ON RECENT INTERFERENCE WITH
TRANSIT TRAFFIC ON JANUARY 17. AS REPORTED REF (B),
ALLIED EMBASSIES NO LONGER CONSIDER A FOLLOW-UP WITH
KHOTULEV ON THE JANUARY 11 ALLIED PROTEST IN MOSCOW
WARRANTED, GIVEN THE INTENTION OF AMBASSADOR WRIGHT
TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH ABRASIMOV ON JANUARY 19.
THE REPLY TO THE NOVEMBER 2 DEMARCHE COULD THUS BE
HANDLED AS A SEPARATE ITEM OF BUSINESS WHENEVER ALL
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THREE MISSIONS RECEIVE NECESSARY CLEARANCES.

2. EMBASSY IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH PROPOSED TEXT
OF RESPONSE BUT OFFERS FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR MINOR
MODIFICATIONS:

-- THIRD SENTENCE: STATING THAT THE VISA REQUIRE-

MENT "IS SET OUT IN THE FEDERAL AUSLANDERGESETZ," WHILE STRICTLY TRUE, COULD PERHAPS INVITE LESS CONTROVERSY IF REWORDED: "IS SET OUT IN THE LAW IN FORCE IN BERLIN," FOLLOWED BY A DESCRIPTION OF THE LAW.

-- FIFTH SENTENCE: WOULD IT NOT BE PREFERABLE TO STATE THAT THE LAW AND ORDINANCE WERE ENACTED (ADOPTED?) BY THE COMPETENT BERLIN AUTHORITIES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES?

-- IS IT ESSENTIAL TO REFER TO A VISA VALID FOR BERLIN AS A "FEDERAL VISA"?

-- IT WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE TO REFER TO CITIZENS OR NATIONALS OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, RATHER THAN "EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONALS" OR "EASTERN EUROPEAN CITIZENS."

-- THE REFERENCE TO THE THREE-MONTH PROCEDURE FOR SOVIET VISITS SEEMS UNNECESSARY FOR PURPOSES OF ANSWERING THE PRESENT PROTEST. WE SUGGEST DELETION OF THAT PORTION OF THE DRAFT REPLY.
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